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SUBJ: CYPRUS - UK CONTINGENCY PLANS

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1. DEP ASST SEC DAVIES CALLED IN UK EMBASSY COUNSELOR WILBERFORCE FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF "DRAFT SPEAKING NOTE." DAVIES SAID THAT WE HAD LOOKED AT THE PROPOSED CONTINGENCY PLAN, CONSULTED WITH OUR CONCERNED EMBASSIES, AND WELCOMED OPPORTUNITY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS AND LOOK AT CONTINGENCIES FOR RESPONSE TO GRIVAS-INSPIRED VIOLENCE. IF GRIVAS CREATES SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC DISORDER, WE WANT TO CONSULT, AND, DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE WOULD ASSOCIATE OURSELVES WITH EFFORTS TO HAVE HIS ACTI-

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VITIES CURTAILED. ALSO REMARKED USG NOT AS SANGUINE ON

LOCAL TALKS AS BRITISH REPORTED TO BE IN EARLY SUMMER;
STILL NOTE WIDE SEPARATION IN POSITIONS ON LOCAL AUTONOMY.

2. WILBERFORCE RESPONDED "SPEAKING NOTE" STRICTLY
CONTINGENCY PLANNING; UK WOULD WANT TO STUDY ITS
GERMANENESS IN LIGHT OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT TIME. FURTHER,
TEXT WOULD HAVE TO BE REVIEWED AND REVISED TO REFLECT
CHANGES. BRITISH OBJECTIVE WAS TO SEEK US SUPPORT FOR
PUSH ON GOG AT APPROPRIATE TIME TO ISSUE STATEMENT DIS-
PELLING MISCONCEPTIONS RAISED BY EARLIER AMBIGUOUS
PRONOUNCEMENTS. AGREED WITH US THAT NOW IS DEFINITELY

NOT REPEAT NOT TIME TO APPROACH GOG.

3. WILBERFORCE SAID RECENT BRITISH REPORTS LESS
OPTIMISTIC. CHASM NARROWED BETWEEN SIDES, BUT NEITHER
SIDE SEEMS WILLING TO MOVE. UK HEARTENED BY ANNOUNCE-
MENT OF JOINT GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT DELEGATION TO
COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

4. DAVIES REMARKED USG DESIRES TO STAY OUT OF MIDDLE OF
CYPRUS DISPUTE. HOWEVER, WANT TO BE IN POSITION TO NUDGE
PARTIES TO SOLUTION. US POLICY STILL CALLS FOR THOSE
DIRECTLY INVOLVED TO NEGOTIATE ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT.

5. UK EMB COUNSELOR ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION THAT
MAKARIOS MIGHT BACK DOWN ON CHURCH ISSUE. ON CONTRARY,
WE NOTED THAT MAKARIOS TOLD AMB POPPER IN FAREWELL CALL
HE PLANNED TO PURSUE DOGGEDLY UNSEATING OF RIVAL BISHOPS
THROUGH LEGAL MEANS AND WITHOUT VIOLENCE, IF POSSIBLE. ROGERS

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